



STEM Careers

Forensic Science Technician

Job Description: Collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations.

What do Forensic Science Technicians do?

- Collect evidence from a crime scene to help understand the chain of events.
- Run ballistics tests on guns to find the one used by the criminal.
- Examine DNA samples to determine if they match other samples
- Solve a crime by matching fingerprints at the crime scene to a suspect.
- Testify in court about investigative and analytical methods and findings.
- Identify drugs and poisons found in biological fluids and tissues, in foods, and at crime scenes.
- Analyze handwritten and typed evidence to decipher altered or erased text or to determine authorship.
- Reconstruct crime scenes to determine relationships among pieces of evidence.
- Analyze broken glass to determine its source or direction of breakage.

Your Interests:

- Do you like to work on a team?
- Do you like to solve mysteries?
- Do you like to look at things under a microscope?
- Do you pay close attention to details?

Outlook: **Bright**

Average Salary - \$24.75 hourly, \$51,480 annual

Projected Job Openings – 8,000 over the next 10 years.

Education/Program of Study:

- Bachelor's Degree in Forensic Science, Criminology, Toxicology, Odontology, Biology, Chemistry, or other related field depending on what types of evidence you would like to work with.

Sources:

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-engineering-careers/Phys_forensicsciencetechnician_c001.shtml?From=testb

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